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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: **Pirrung et al.**

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Examiner: **Ethan C. Whisenant**

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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

The present Amendment is in response to the Official Action mailed March 22, 2004. Applicants provide the present Amendment pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. §1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.

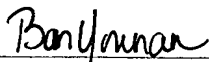
It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s), including fees for additional claims, are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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